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#### REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

It is gratifying to be able to report that, notwithstanding the important and, it might be supposed, disturbing building operations of the past year, the routine work of the Academy has been but little interfered with. The October meetings, indeed, had to be omitted, because, while the old Library Hall was dismantled, the new Reading Room was not quite ready. The meetings of the Academy will hereafter be held here, except on occasions of extraordinary and therefore large attendance, when the Lecture Hall on the floor below will be available. Fourteen meetings were, therefore, held during the Academic year, at which the average attendance was forty-four. Verbal communications, for the most part illustrated, were made by Messrs. F. Creighton Wellman, John W. Harshberger, F. Lynwood Garrison, Philip P. Calvert, Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., J. M. MacFarlane, Henry Skinner, Frank F. Keeley, Arthur Erwin Brown, Edwin G. Conklin, Henry A. Pilsbry, Stewardson Brown, Gilbert Van Ingen, Edwin T. Wherry, Benjamin Smith Lyman, and the Secretary.

Thirty-six papers have been received for publication from the following authors: Henry A. Pilsbry, 4; H. A. Pilsbry and James H. Ferriss, 2; H. A. Pilsbry and E. G. Vanatta, 1; H. A. Pilsbry and C. Montague Clark, 1; H. A. Pilsbry and Y. Hirase, 1; H. A. Pilsbry and A. A. Hinkley, 1; R. V. Chamberlin, 3; Thos. H. Montgomery, Jr., 2; Stewardson Brown, 2; J. P. Moore, 2; John W. Harshberger, 2; James A. G. Rehn and Morgan Hebard, 2; F. Creighton Wellman, 1; Charles S. Boyer, 1; G. E. Crampton, 1; Nathan Banks, 1; F. J. Keeley, 1; F. W. Weymouth, 1; Robert T. Young, 1; A. E. Verrill and A. H. Verrill, 1; Burnett Smith, 1; Clarence B. Moore, 1; Aleš Hrdlička, 1; Thomas Barbour, 1; Henry W. Fowler, 1. Twenty-nine of these have appeared as portions of the sixty-first volume of the PROCEEDINGS; four have been returned to the authors, and action has been deferred on one. The two papers by Messrs. Moore and Hrdlička form the first part of the fourteenth volume of the quarto JOURNAL. The number is beautifully illustrated by text figures and eight plates of Indian pottery. The latter are superb specimens of color printing and present as faithful a representation of the objects, themselves of

quite unexpected beauty, as art can at present secure. The Academy is indebted for this continuation of the JOURNAL to the liberality and devotion to his chosen branch of science of Mr. Clarence B. Moore.

As evidence that the building operations and movings have not curtailed the work of the Publication Committee, it may be noted that the issue of the various serials now sent out under the auspices of the Academy is 129 pages in excess of that of last year, which itself was unusually productive. The number of illustrative plates, however, is 38 less than reported in 1908. The record is as follows: PROCEEDINGS, 636 pages and 27 plates; JOURNAL, 252 pages and 8 plates; ENTOMOLOGICAL NEWS, 444 pages and 22 plates; TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY (The Entomological Section of the Academy), 486 pages and 12 plates; MANUAL OF CONCHOLOGY, 250 pages and 26 plates, making a total of 2,068 pages and 95 plates.

The index to the publications of the Academy has been completed up to and including the volume of the PROCEEDINGS for 1905.

The short history of the Academy prepared as a contribution to the Founders' Week Memorial Volume and read at the meeting of the Academy held April 6 has been published. It will be issued in a separate edition and distributed to members, correspondents and others interested, in the hope that it may elicit comment, criticism and perhaps correction, which will render of more permanent value the detailed history in course of preparation for the Centenary of the Academy in 1912.

The accumulated stock of the PROCEEDINGS, JOURNAL and miscellaneous publications, held for sale and exchange, has been removed from the upper story of the middle building to cases prepared for storage in the basement. This is the fourth time this material has been moved to provide for the requirements of other interests since the occupancy of the corner building in 1876. It has been well said that three movings are as bad as a fire, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the present resting place will be permanent until the parts are distributed in fulfilment of their legitimate purpose as contributions to science. Incidentally an account of stock has been taken.

Ten members and five correspondents have been elected. The deaths of fourteen members and six correspondents have been announced. Messrs. J. H. Austin and Henry Pemberton have resigned. The loss sustained by the Academy in the death of Henry Cadwalader Chapman, so intimately concerned for many years with the scientific and administrative interests of the society, requires more than passing mention, and the Recording Secretary has been charged with the

preparation of a biographical notice which, it is hoped, will be ready for presentation early the coming year.

The birth of Charles Darwin and the publication of the *Origin of Species* were fittingly commemorated by a well attended meeting on February 16, at which addresses were made by the President, Dr. Arthur Erwin Brown, and Dr. Edwin G. Conklin.

A successful meeting of the American Museums Association was held in the Academy, May 13.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the year six correspondents of the Academy died and five were elected. Those deceased are Prof. Jean Albert Gaudry, Prof. Perceval de Loriol Le Fort, Prof. Rudolph Bergh, Dr. Robert E. C. Stearns, Dr. Anton Dohrn and Prof. Kakichi Mitsukuri; and those elected, Dr. John Mason Clarke, Dr. Robert F. Scharff, Dr. Albert Leon Charles Calmette, Dr. Sven A. Hedin and Prof. Oscar Drude.

In accordance with the award of last year the Hayden Gold Medal was, on December 11, transmitted to Dr. John Mason Clarke, and an acknowledgment of the same duly received, together with an official copy of a minute appreciative of the Academy's action passed by Dr. Clarke's associates on the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

Among the events of importance to the scientific world in which the Academy was invited to participate were the following: The presentation of an international testimonial in honor of Amedeo Avogadro, the student of the molecular constitution of gases; the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Botanical Institute of Brandenburg; the Three hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the University of Geneva; the Darwin Centenary exercises of the New York Academy of Sciences; the International Congress of Mining, Metallurgy and Practical Geology; the Seventeenth International Congress of Americanists; the dedication exercises of the Lamarck Centenary memorial statue in Paris; the Jubilee of the Geological Society of Glasgow, and the presentation by President Taft of medals in recognition of their services to æronautics to Wilbur and Orville Wright. As delegates representing the Academy at the Glasgow jubilee and the University of Geneva celebration, Sir Archibald Geikie and Dr. Auguste Forel, both correspondents, were respec-